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**REMARKS** 

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent

application. Claims 1-16, 18, 20 and 23-27 are pending and claims 17, 19, 21 and 22 are

canceled. Applicants thank Examiner Brown for the statement that claims 1-16, 18, 20 and 23-

27 are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of claims 17, 19, 21 and 22

puts the application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and

respectfully solicited. If the examiner notes any further issues to address with the patent

application, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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